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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

U.S. Patent No. 5,798,863 describes a vibration-correcting device in which prisms 4 and 5 rotate by a gimble mechanism, and are positioned on the yaw direction rotational axis of the gimble mechanism.

The cited Japanese language document discloses a vibration-correcting device with a variable angle prism (VAP) whose yaw direction rotational axis is provided within the VAP. Applicants submit that the Japanese document is relevant for that reason. In addition, for the Examiner's convenience, Applicants have provided an English language abstract for that document.

FORMAL MATTERS

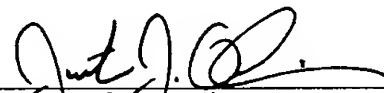
No fee is believed due in connection with this paper; however, if any fee is due, it should be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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